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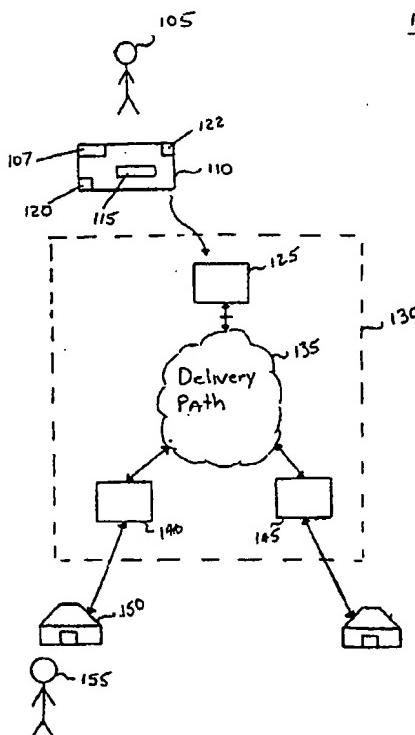
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(57) Abstract: A method and system for creating a personalized delivery payment coding includes selecting from a set of designs for the delivery payment coding, calculating an appropriate fee, paying an appropriate fee, and printing a selected design on delivery payment coding product paper.

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